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SOUTH DAKOTA CROP PRODUCTION REPORT

SIOUX FALLS, SD, October 9, 2015 -- Based on October 1 conditions, South Dakota's **corn** crop is forecast at 797 million bushels, up 1 percent from last year, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 4.95 million acres, down 7 percent from 2014. Average yield is forecast at a record 161 bushels per acre, up 13.0 bushels from last year.

Soybean production in South Dakota is forecast at a record high 235 million bushels, 2 percent above last year. Area for harvest, at 5.11 million acres, ties the 2014 record. Yield is forecast at a record high 46.0 bushels per acre, up 1.0 bushel from 2014.

Sorghum production is forecast at 16.4 million bushels, up 73 percent from 2014. Acreage harvested for grain is estimated at 210,000 acres, up 40 percent from 2014. Yield, at 78.0 bushels per acre, is up 15.0 bushels from last year.

Dry Edible Bean production is forecast at 240,000 hundredweight, down 1 percent from 2014. Area for harvest, at 11,700 acres, is down 9 percent from last year. Yield is estimated at 2,050 pounds per acre, up 170 pounds per acre from a year ago.

All Sunflower production is forecast at 1.27 billion pounds, up 45 percent from last year. Acreage for harvest, at 659,000 acres, is up 26 percent from 2014. Yield is forecast at a record 1,929 pounds per acre, up 250 pounds per acre from a year ago. Of the acres for harvest, non-oil sunflowers account for 94,000 acres and oil sunflowers account for 565,000 acres.

Alfalfa hay production, at 4.56 million tons, is up 4 percent from the 2014 crop. Area for harvest, at 1.90 million acres, is unchanged from a year ago. Yield, at 2.40 tons per acre, is up 0.10 ton from 2014. **All Other Hay** production, at 2.38 million tons, is up 4 percent from 2014. Area for harvest, at 1.40 million acres, is up 4 percent from a year ago. Yield of 1.70 tons per acre is unchanged from last year.

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